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Sir:

The undersigned, Catherine M. Verfaillie, Ph.D., declares and states:

I am Professor of Medicine and Director Stem cell Institute, KU Leuven, Leuven. I am a co-inventor on the above-captioned patent application.

I am the subject of the attached *Curriculum Vitae* and author of the publications listed on the attachment to the *Curriculum Vitae*. On the information and facts contained in those documents, I submit that I am an expert in the field of Stem cell research. In view of these credentials, I believe that I am qualified to speak on the skill and knowledge of the person of ordinary skill in these fields.

I have read and understand the subject matter of the above-captioned patent application. I have read the first Office Action, dated March 17, 2008, and the second Office Action, dated December 24, 2008. I have read and understand the references cited by the Examiner to support the rejections in the Office Actions. These include U.S. 2003/0211605 to Lee et al. ("Lee") and WO 02/086073 to Studer et al. ("Studer").